



December 31, 2012

Governor Robert F. McDonnell

Office of the Governor
Patrick Henry Building, 3rd Floor
1111 East Broad Street
Richmond, Virginia 23219

Dear Governor McDonnell:

The Committee for Dulles is dedicated to achieving the full potential of Washington Dulles International Airport and the economic growth of its region. The Committee for Dulles is a dynamic community of business leaders, policy makers and community dedicated individuals. Founded in 1966, the Committee plays a pivotal role in making Dulles the premier air travel service provider for the national capital region and an economic feeder for the business community that surrounds it.

Washington Dulles International Airport is widely acknowledged to be a major economic engine for the Commonwealth and northern Virginia, in particular the counties of Fairfax, Loudoun and Prince William. However, the Airport's ability to fulfill its potential is heavily dependent upon improved accessibility for passengers, freight and workers from the north and south. Improved north-south multi-modal transportation between I-95 in Prince William County and Routes 7, 50 and the Dulles Greenway in Loudoun County is essential to enhance Dulles Airport passenger and freight access. The Tri-County (Bi-County) Parkway is key to future development for the Airport and the Commonwealth.

The benefits of a North-South Corridor / Tri-County (Bi-County) Parkway are well-documented. Job creation and sustained regional prosperity are heavily dependent upon a mobile and accessible work force. Loudoun and Prince William Counties are among Virginia's fastest growing communities. The Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments projects that much of the region's future population and job growth will occur in or adjacent to these counties. Attracting and keeping cutting edge employers requires improved mobility especially north-south connectivity.

The benefits also include providing a critical passenger and freight link to Dulles Airport, connecting emerging activity centers, diverting traffic around Manassas Battlefield Park, and off historic US 15 and other existing rural roads.

We urge the Commonwealth to reserve the right-of-way (ROW) necessary for a limited access Tri-County (Bi-County) Parkway and connection to Dulles Airport. While construction of the Parkway may not occur immediately it is essential to insure that the ROW is reserved and that construction is funded in the near future. This project is critical to regional mobility and Virginia's economic competitiveness.

Respectfully yours,

Richard McCary,
President

CC: Sean T. Connaughton, Secretary of Transportation, Commonwealth of Virginia